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TO

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INCLUDING FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION CONCERNING

OAK BLUFFS, VINEYARD GROVE, VINEYARD HIGHLANDS, VINEYARD HAVEN, EDGARTOWN, KATAMA, GAY HEAD, FALMOUTH, MENAUAHANT, NANTUCKET, ETC.

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PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

This book should not be judged with too critical an eye, as it is the work of some young Americans who will not vote for some time yet; consequently perfection must not be expected. The Map is an entirely new feature, and though it may not be mathematically correct, we hope it will be found useful. We call special attention to our advertising notices. They include about all the respectable and reliable houses in the city,

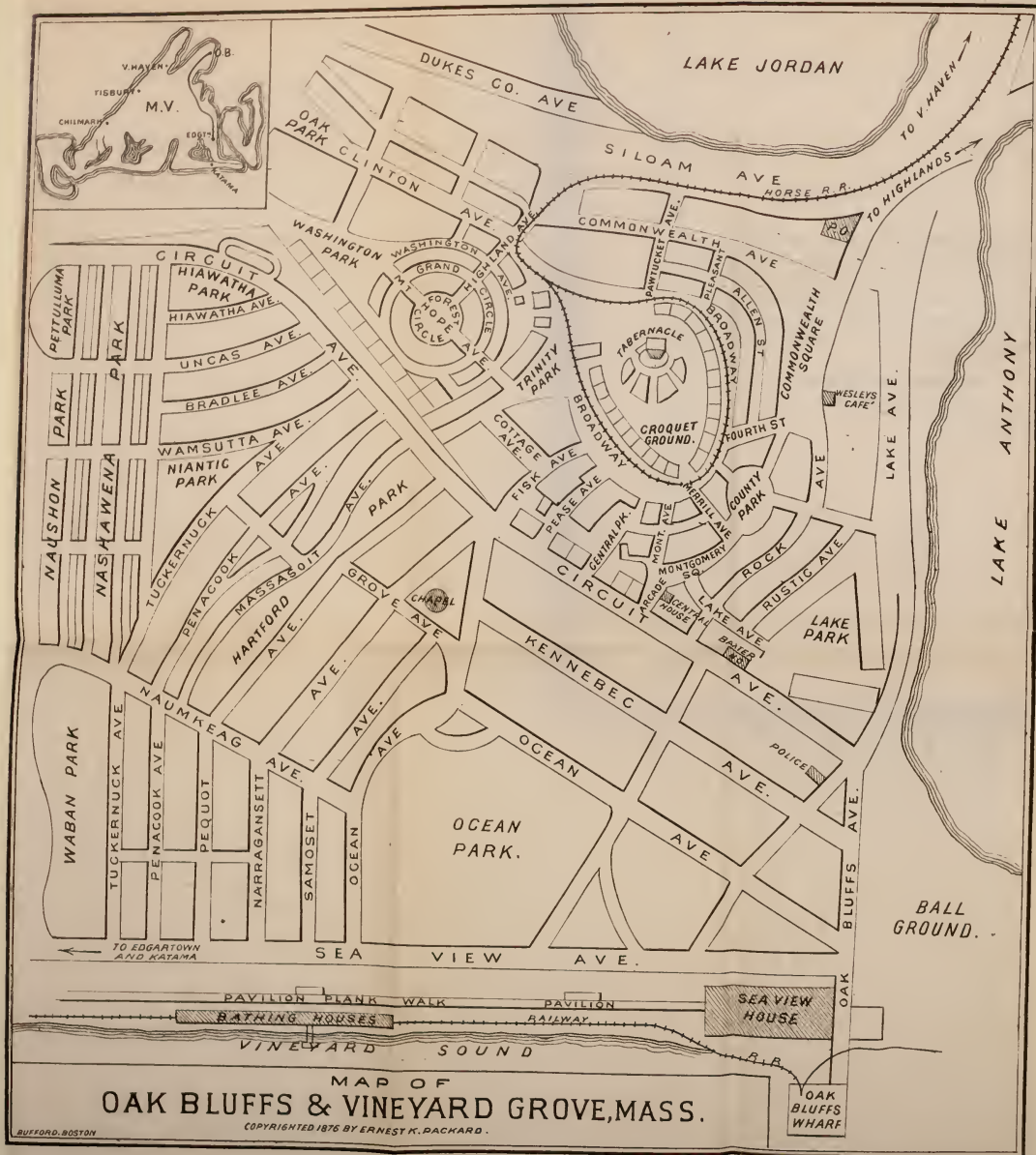
Hoping to improve the Guide another year, we remain,

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The beautiful island of Martha's Vineyard was discovered in 1602 by one Bartholomew Gosnold. Accounts are not wanting that aver that the North-men visited these shores many centuries previous, but of this there is no positive proof, though they undoubtedly touched the mainland near here. Capt. Archer on his return to London wrote an account of the voyage. He says that "coasting along, we saw a disinhabited island, which so afterwards appeared to us. We bore with it and named it Martha's Vineyard."

The island was called Capawock by the red men. In length it is about twenty-one miles with an average breadth of six miles. For a number of years the island was the property of New York, but in 1692 it was annexed to Massachusetts. There are four

townships, Edgartown, Tisbury, Chilmark and Gay Head.

SITUATION, ETC.

The island of Martha's Vineyard is about 80 miles or three hours and a quarter from Boston. The island is in sight of the mainland and within easy sail of New Bedford, distance 30 miles. The two best known routes from Boston are The Old Colony Line *via* Woods Holl, and New Bedford Line by the Providence Road from Boston.

OFFICIAL TIME TABLE.

OLD COLONY LINE. Leave *Boston*, 8, 11, A. M. and 4 P. M. On Sundays, 5.45 A. M.

NEW BEDFORD LINE. Leave *Boston* 8, 11—10, A. M. and 2 P. M.

Returning, Boats leave for *Woods Holl* and *Boston* 6.30, 9.50 A. M. and 1, 4, P. M. Sundays, 5, P. M.

Returning, Boats leave for *New Bedford* and *Boston* 7 A. M. and 1.15 P. M.

Fares from Boston and return on either of the above routes, \$3.60.

Passengers generally stop at the Oak Bluffs Landing, but some whose destination is the Camp Ground prefer to disembark at the Camp Meeting Landing where horse cars are in readiness to take them to the very centre of the grounds.

THE COTTAGE CITY.

nestled among the trees with its promenades and drives enchants the visitor at once. There are thous-

ands of cottages in the city, and when, in the height of the season each is occupied by a family, the city is both lively and social. This place owes its origin and even now derives much of its interest from the Methodist Camp Meetings held here every summer. The first was held in 1835, and others have been held every year since except one. They usually take place the second or third week in August and continue one week. The attendance at some of the meetings is very large, occasionally reaching 5000 and on the "Big Sunday" sometimes there are 25000 more people here than usual. The Camp-Meeting Association own all the grounds "inside," and lease the land on which the cottages stand. "Outside" or Oak Bluffs is managed by a company but the land is sold to residents. This community is of later growth than the former. Still a later addition to the city exists. The Highlands have become quite popular and especially so since last year when the Baptists secured land there for an open-air meeting. It was held successfully, and will doubtless be made a permanent institution.

THE CLIMATE, &c.

The prevailing characteristics of the climate are mildness, coolness, and the air is generally moist though rains are not frequent. But there are none of the extremes here that are to be experienced on the main land. The thermometer ranges from ten to twenty degrees lower than on the main land and there is always a breeze from some quarter. It is

difficult to take cold, and more difficult to keep one. The drinking water possesses many valuable medicinal properties, and good judges claim that in its curative effects it is not inferior to the Saratoga water. The best of all is found in the Camp Ground at the back of the Association Building. Invalids and others always have an increased appetite in this place and sleepless nights are almost unheard of. There is hardly a mosquito on the island.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Undoubtedly the most satisfactory mode of living is in a cottage, especially for families. Cottages rent from \$100 to \$200 the season, or even less. For a number of persons this is not expensive. Meals can be taken at restaurants or prepared at home. Provision, Grocery and Fish Dealers abound. A single room may be hired in the best private cottages for \$1 and \$1.50 and the hotels average about the same, although finer accommodations may be had at an increased price. Table Board costs from \$1 to \$2 per day according to the wishes of the visitor. As a rule the prices charged at the restaurants are not high. The principal hotels, &c., are as follows. For the announcements of some of the most prominent see our advertising pages. Sea View House, Island House, Pawnee House, Central House, Wesleys Cafe, Baxter House, Howard House, Grover House, Vineyard Grove House, Highland House, &c.

BOATING, &c.

The vast areas of navigable waters within easy reach afford the very best courses for sailing that can be found on the coast. The yachtsman with Vineyard Haven as a rendezvous may cruise along the Cape shores, Buzzard's Bay, Nantucket, Gay Head, the Elizabeth Islands &c., on successive days. At the Oak Bluffs wharf, boats of all kinds with persons to manage them may be hired at the rate of \$1.00 per hour or \$8.00 per day, and at this rate, the cost divided among a party of a dozen is not excessive. For rowing, boats may be hired on Lake Anthony at 20 cents per hour. Canoes may be had at the same place of the Indians encamped there.

FISHING.

The blue fish, that monarch of the wave abounds in these waters, and parties are made up nearly every day for his capture. Compared with the hunting of this fish all other sports pale and become as hollow mockeries.

Rates given above apply to boats for blue-fishing, and the skipper will see that lines and bait are provided.

BATHING.

Every day from eight until twelve o'clock hundreds of bathers may be seen in various picturesque costumes taking their bath in the cooling waters. On Sea View Boulevard bathing houses are provided, also a pavilion for the accommodation of spec-

tators. The scene at half-past ten is very enlivening and should be seen at any rate and participated in if possible. Bathing rooms let for \$5.00 a season, but visitors may obtain a room and bathing clothes at a moderate cost. There are a number of bathing houses at the Highland wharf.

EXCURSIONS.

ON FOOT. To any one who wishes to see the most of the city in the shortest time, we recommend the following route. Starting from the Oak Bluffs landing, take Circuit Avenue, and at the top of the hill turn to the right and pass through the Arcade. You now enter the Camp Ground; keep straight on through Montgomery Square, County Park, Commonwealth Square to the Post Office; take Siloam Avenue to the left, and follow the car track along the borders of Lake Jordan, turn to the left into Highland Avenue, which keep only for a short distance, leaving the track and for a moment taking a turn into Clinton Avenue; now returning, take the track again and at Trinity Park is seen the immense tabernacle where the meetings are held. Now cut across the little park to the left and leave the grounds at the Broadway gate. The Methodist Chapel is seen directly ahead. From this point there are several avenues leading to the water. Ocean Avenue at the extreme left is as good as any and gives the best view. Reaching the beach, the arrangements for bathing may be noted, and a return made along the bluffs to the point of

starting. The route we have recommended takes in most of the prominent places and buildings. The time is about one hour easy walking on good roads.

CARRIAGE DRIVES, may be taken to almost any point adjacent at a moderate cost, but the visitor had better make his bargain before entering the carriage. Roads lead in every direction, but we especially recommend the drives to Lagoon Heights and Vineyard Haven.

BY RAIL. Edgartown, six miles distant, is the shire town of Dukes County and contains about 1600 inhabitants, most of whom have followed, or do, fol-the sea for a living. An hour may be well spent among these hospitable people, and if one is lucky enough to fall in with a communicative old sea-captain, all the better.

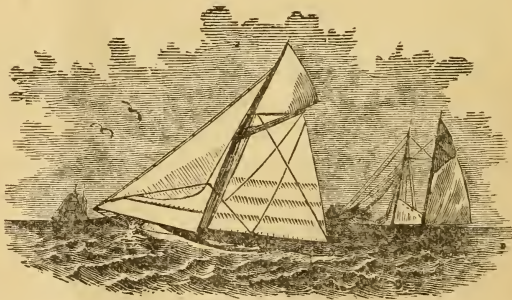
KATAMA, two miles beyond Edgartown is chiefly noted for its fine hotel and its ocean view. The South Beach a little beyond, should be visited directly after a southeast storm, when the scene is grand and impressive. The railroad leading to the above places runs nearly the whole distance along the shore, and fine ocean views are obtained.

BY WATER.—Excursions are made frequently to Gay Head by water, and when possible, this is by far the best way. Carriages run almost daily, but the road is long and tedious. The visitor should visit the lighthouse, and also the cliffs, where many geological curiosities may be collected.

NANTUCKET.—Persons taking the 10 o'clock boat may reach Nantucket, stop several hours, and return to Oak Bluffs the same day. None should miss visiting this quaint old town, with its old business blocks, houses and wharves, long since gone to decay. There is something sad about the old place, yet one is charmed with the curious sights and customs of the few inhabitants remaining.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mails arrive, 12 m., 3 and 7 p. m. Leave, 5.30, a. m., 1 and 3.15 p. m. Lost articles at Police Station, near Sea View House.



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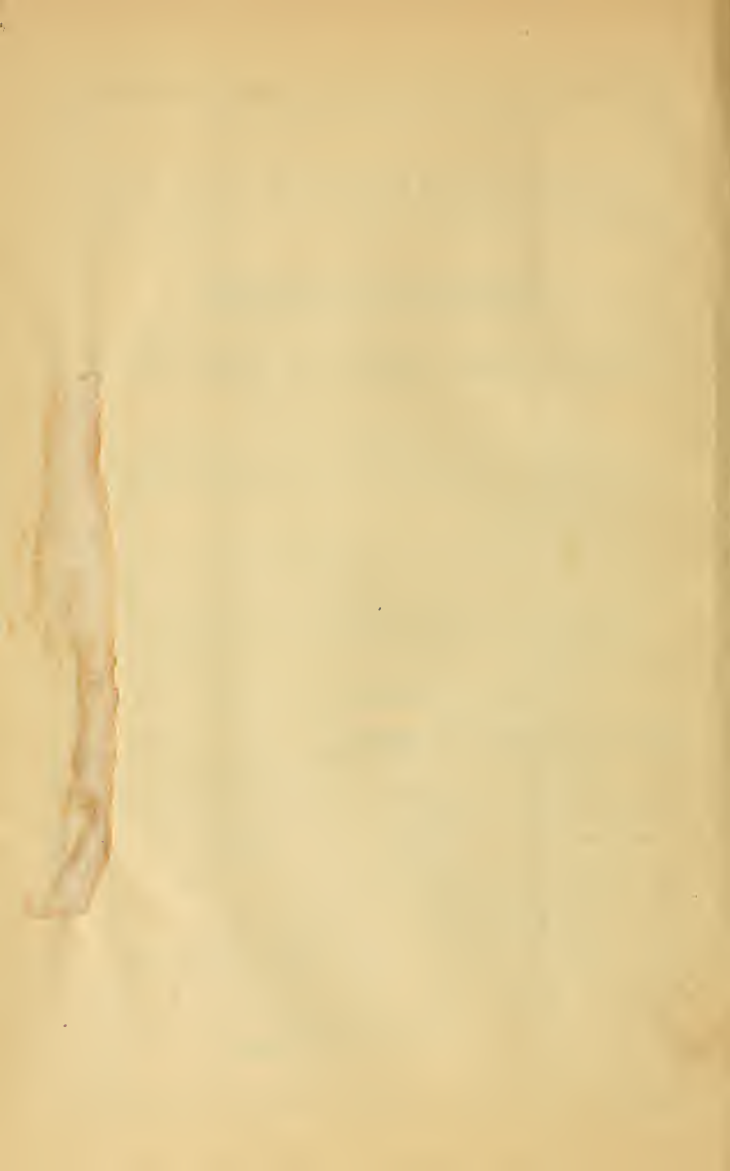
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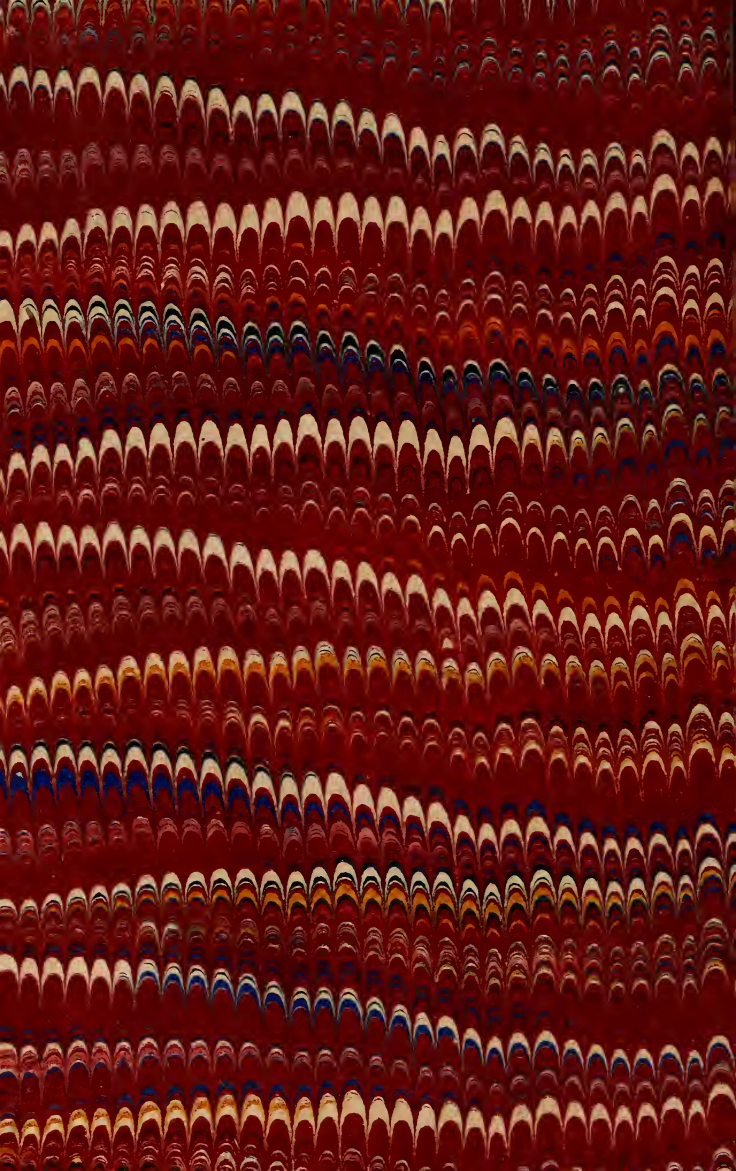
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